

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Black Hills Reptile Gardens in Rapid City, South Dakota, was founded in 1937 by South Dakota native, Earl Brockelsby; and,

Whereas, Earl showed true South Dakota entrepreneurial spirit in building Reptile Gardens into an internationally known attraction; and,

Whereas, Reptile Gardens is one of the oldest, continuously operating family businesses in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Reptile Gardens has provided entertainment and education to millions of visitors for 75 years; and,

Whereas, Reptile Gardens is renowned for having the finest reptile collection of any zoo in the world; and,

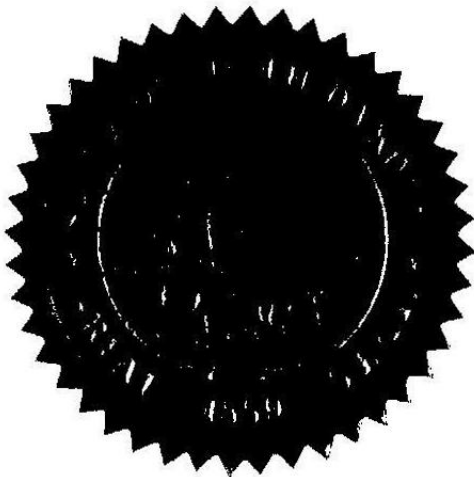
Whereas, Reptile Gardens has been an active member and strong supporter of the business community in Rapid City, the Black Hills, and South Dakota for the past 75 years; and,

Whereas, Reptile Gardens has played a vital role in the economic well-being of the Black Hills and the tourism industry in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2012, as

REPTILE GARDENS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State